

For 24 years, Mayor Whitehurst has proudly served Northwest Florida as Mayor of the Hub City with passion and determination. He is a dedicated and loving husband, father, and grandfather. With his wife Annelle by his side, he has earned the respect and support of those around him. This weekend we celebrate his retirement and tireless efforts of giving back to the community. The impact Mayor Whitehurst has made on the city will leave a lasting impression, and Crestview will be forever grateful for his service and truly honored to call him one of her own.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am proud to recognize the achievements of Mayor George H. Whitehurst and his exemplary service to the city of Crestview, Florida—"the gateway to the Emerald Coast."

IN HONOR OF CAPTAIN ANGELA M. CARSTEN

**HON. SAM FARR**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 29, 2007*

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Captain Angela M. Carsten, an officer in the United States Air Force, who is retiring after 20 years of distinguished service.

I have had the personal pleasure of knowing Angie since she came to DLI in 2004 and I know I speak for the greater DLI community in expressing our best wishes for her continued success.

Throughout her career, both as an enlisted Air Force Airman and as an officer, Captain Carsten has personified the Air Force values of duty, honor, integrity and selfless service. As Project Manager and Associate Dean of the Defense Language Institute's Emerging Languages Task Force, many of us on Capitol Hill have been the beneficiaries of her communication talents as well as her broad depth of knowledge concerning Low-Density High-Demand languages that are critical to our nation's security in the Global War on Terrorism.

Captain Carsten's military service began in 1987, with tours of duty at Andrews Air Force Base, Maryland, Maxwell AFB, Alabama, and Ramstein Air Base in Germany. Captain Carsten provided communications and computer support for the local airbases. In 1999, Captain Carsten was commissioned as a Lieutenant in the United States Air Force through Officer Training School at Maxwell AFB in Alabama. From 1999 to 2003, Captain Carsten served in a variety of assignments at Hill AFB, Utah.

Since 2004, she has been an outstanding advocate for the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center, located in Monterey, California, the Congressional district I am proud to represent. As Associate Dean of the Defense Language Institute's Emerging Languages Task Force, she has briefed the BRAC Committee, the House Defense Appropriations Committee, HPSCI and HASC Members, numerous Professional Staff of the National Security committees, as well as Service Secretaries, foreign dignitaries, and Department of Defense VIPs.

Most recently, as the Associate Dean, Captain Carsten authored a Concept of Operations to build a surge capability for over nine-

teen Immediate Investment and Stronghold languages to augment the current DLI curriculum.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of my colleagues, I thank Captain Carsten for her commitment, sacrifice, and contribution to our National Security throughout these 20 years.

HONORING OMEGA  
ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGIES

**HON. KENNY MARCHANT**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 29, 2007*

Mr. MARCHANT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to extend my congratulations to the Omega Environmental Technologies company. In today's corporate world, they have distinguished themselves as a thriving business that is passionate about helping others.

An eighteen year old company, Omega Environmental Technologies was built from the ground up to become a multi-million dollar corporation. Founded in 1989 in Texas, the company has grown to include a worldwide customer base for their distribution of automobile air conditioner parts. Although they routinely export A/C components to 75 countries, around 75 percent of their products come from the U.S. This helps to support the American economy and has provided a welcome boost to the Dallas/Fort Worth area marketplace. Using a 65,000 square foot warehouse, the business has grown 50 percent in the last 3 years. It is no surprise that Omega Environmental Technologies has been recognized twice as one of the 100 fastest growing companies in D/FW.

Although Omega Environment Technologies serves as a model to those in the business community, the life story and achievement of the company's founder and President, Grace Davis, is an example that all of us would do well to study. Born and educated in Panama, Ms. Davis strived for excellence early on, graduating from college after studying business. After time spent in the finance industry, she looked for a new challenge and attempted to get a job in the banking world. No matter her success or qualifications, Ms. Davis found only disappointment as employer after employer offered her only secretary jobs. In need of a paycheck, she eventually accepted a secretary position only to discover the grim truth of her circumstances later on. After hearing the commercial needs of clients who called the office, she approached her supervisor with a plan to improve their international sales. Regardless of her initiative, she was ignored and told to remember her place as a secretary. Grace Davis went on to leave that company and start her own international sales company. As one of her employees put it, she proved so trustworthy and talented a saleswoman that a company grew up around her.

Today, she serves as a proud role model for minority women who are looking to succeed in life and the business world. For her part, she has made it a point never to discriminate against potential employees because of their nationality or primary language. Omega Environmental Technologies currently employs 14 nationalities with several of them political refugees. They also rely on Catholic Charities as a primary source for employee recruitment

and last year received the accomplishment of being a certified Minority Company.

I could not be more proud that Omega Environmental Technologies chooses to call the Dallas/Fort Worth area home, and I congratulate them on receiving this prestigious award.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE AMERICAN HUNGARIAN FEDERATION OF CLEVELAND

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 29, 2007*

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the American Hungarian Federation of Cleveland, and Mr. John Juhasz, for their many years of service to the Hungarian-American community.

The Federation, since its founding in 1906, has been a symbol of the strong relationship between America and Hungary, a relationship that has existed since the birth of the American nation. Before former Hussar Officer Colonel Commandant Mihaly Kovats died fighting for a free America in the Battle of Charleston, South Carolina in 1779, he sent a letter to Benjamin Franklin with the words: "Fidelissimus ad Mortem", which means Faithful Unto Death. This expression has become the motto of this great organization.

For more than one hundred years the American Hungarian Federation has worked to unite and to support Americans of Hungarian origin in the United States, regardless of political, religious, or other affiliation. It has also been a strong supporter of freedom both at home and abroad. They played an integral role in providing aid for a Hungarian people in need after World War II, as well as efforts to aid refugees of The Revolution of 1956.

Under the faithful stewardship of President John Juhasz, The American Hungarian Federation continues to fulfill their mission by advocating for Hungarian causes and providing information to second and third generation Hungarian Americans. Additionally, the Federation sets an example for all Americans, who have a love for their heritage and a desire to help their people.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring John Juhasz and the American Hungarian Federation of Cleveland for their contribution to the rich cultural heritage of Northeast Ohio. May the Hungarian community continue to thrive under their leadership.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO JUDI D. STEELE

**HON. JON C. PORTER**

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 29, 2007*

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor my friend Judi Steele, a dedicated educator, consultant, and advisor whose outstanding work in the classroom and throughout the community has motivated the Clark County School District to name an elementary school in her honor.

Judi began her distinguished career as an educator in 1965 when she taught 5th and 6th grade at P.S. 171 in East Harlem, New York.